technology and as a part of the modernisation plan. Also, the shelf type high tensile couplers being imported are not available indigenously.

(b) The FOB cost of 5100 couplers and draft gears including transfer of technology is Us dollar 9.95 million.

Modernisation of Calcutta Airport

2273. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of increase in the air traffic at Calcutta airport since the last three years;

(b) whether, with the increase in the air traffic at Calcutta airport, Government have examined the adequacy or otherwise of the landing facilities, its maintenance etc., to avoid mid-air collission and crash landings; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what measures are contemplated by Government to remove the deficiencies and to accelerate the pace of modernisation of the airport?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) The total passenger traffic at Calcutta Airport has increased by about 28.3 per cent during 1987-88 in relation to 1984-85.

(b) and (c) Adequate facilities are available at Calcutta Airport to ensure safety of aircraft operations. Plans for upgradation of facilities to meet future demands of traffic have also been drawn up by the National Airports Authority.

Recognition to Priyadarshini Institute

2274. SHRI B. L. PANWAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recognised the Priyadarshini Institute for Computer aided knowledge for conducting courses related to computer programme in the department of Technical Education;

(b) whether the said programme is being pursued at the Centre or in the States; and

(c) if so, what are the details of the computer programme conducted so far, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) As per the information furnished by the Institute, it is conducting its programme in Delhi only.

(c) Does not arise.

Fine on Boeing Company due to poor quality

2275. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has drawn to the newsitem which appeared in the Hindustan Times dated the 17th February, 1989 under the caption 'Boeing fined 14 times in 4 years', to the effect that Boeing Company has been fined 14 times for a total of 2,45,000 during the last year by federal Aviation Administration because of quality control problems;

(b) whether Boeing planes with Indian Airlines and Air India have also been found to be defective; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND

TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Students in the Navodaya Vidyalayas

2276. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the total number of students in tht Navodaya Vidyalayas at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI): The number of students selected for admission in Navodaya Vidyalayas upto the academic session 1988-89 is 34,227.

Construction of Daitari Banspani Rail Line

2277. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3196 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th December, 1988 and state:

(a) whether Government have examined the proposal of M|s. Hyundai corporation who have proposed to finance the construction of Daitari-Banspani section of the Jakhapura-Banspani rail line; and

(b) if so, the decision taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

51-अप सियालदह एक्सप्रेस में एक शव का पाया जाना

2278. श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि 7 जनवरी 1989 को 51-अप सियालदह एक्सप्रेस में श्री हरेन्द्र नाथ त्रिपाठी का मृत शरीर पाया गया ;

(ख) क्या इस संबंध में सी०बी० आई० द्वारा जांच कराने के लिये रेल मंत्री से कोई शिकायत की गयी है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध मे क्या कार्यवाही की गयी है ?

रेल मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री माधवराव सिंधिया) : श्री हरेन्द्र नाथ त्रिपाठी का शव 7 जनवरी 1989 को मुगलसराय मंडल के रफीगंज तथा जोखिम रेलवे स्टेशनों के बीच रेल पथ पर पड़ा मिला था ।

(ख) और (ग) : जी हां । इस मामले को केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो को सौंपने के बारे में विचार करने हेतु बिहार सरकार को पहले ही लिखा जा चुका है ।

Boeing Mishaps

2279. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether, according to the Boeing delegation which was in our country during February, 1989, it has been stated that the recent air accidents involving the Boeings were due to sabotage or pilots' error and not because of manufacturing defects in the aircraft;

(b) if so, whether Government have since ascertained the exact causes of Boeing mishaps during the past few months;

(c) whether any responsibility has been fixed in each mishap; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (d) Government is not aware of